

THE CHAMBER ALX'S **VALOR AWARDS**



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Paramedic
Timothy Jaffry
Life Saving Award Recipient

Captain
Joshua Turner
Life Saving Award Recipient

THE ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S
Valor Awards
LIFE SAVING AWARD
awarded to
PARAMEDIC TIMOTHY JAFFRY
Timothy Jaffry presented on Monday, 07/24/2017, in recognition
of his team's heroic response to a call in progress at 11000
Avenue C.
ALEXANDRIA
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
Carol V. Higgins
Mayor, City of Alexandria
July 24, 2017



Event Program

Welcome

Angela Hartley
Executive Vice President & Chief Program Officer,
National Industries for the Blind
2022 Chair, The Chamber ALX

National Anthem

Jacquelyn Olson
Alexandria Sheriff's Office



Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Justin Wilson
City of Alexandria

Presenting Sponsor Remarks

Dr. Rina Bansal
President, Inova Alexandria Hospital
Senior Vice President, Inova Health System

Award Presentation

Julie Carey
Northern Virginia Bureau Chief, NBC4 Washington

Fatimah Ogungbade
External Affairs Representative, Dominion Energy



Closing

Joe Haggerty
President & CEO, The Chamber ALX



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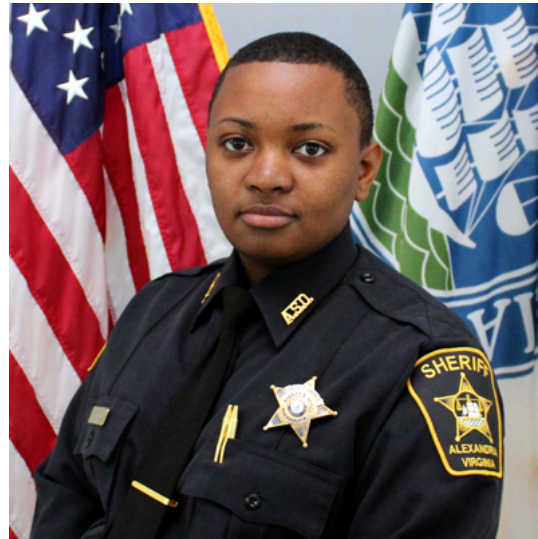
Suicide Rescue Responses

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Deputy Sheriff Breanda Hatfield Life Saving Award Recipient

February 28, 2021

Deputy Breanda Hatfield was conducting security rounds when she observed an inmate preparing for a suicide. Deputy Hatfield radioed for assistance and instructed the inmate to cease proceedings. A team of deputies entered the cell and removed the inmate until medical staff arrived.



Deputy Sheriff DeVon Carney Deputy Sheriff Nazirullah Qazei

Life Saving Award Recipients

October 10, 2021

Deputy DeVon Carney was conducting security rounds in the booking area of the Adult Detention Center when he recognized a suicide in progress. Deputies Carney & Nazirullah Qazei entered the cell and began rendering first aid as medical staff were called. Deputies were able to perform measures until nurses arrived to transport him to the hospital.





Armed Robbery Response



Officer Lemar Gardizi
Officer Robert Egan
Officer Jamison Hart
Canine Crash

Gold Medal Recipients

October 26, 2020

Officers were dispatched to hotel for shots fired. Officers responded, set up a perimeter, and discovered a victim of robbery at gunpoint. Officer Gardizi spotted two suspects exiting the building. After attempting to stop both armed suspects, Gardizi gave chase and pursued them through a residential area. One of the suspects drew a firearm and began firing at Officer Gardizi. Gardizi was struck by a round but continued to return fire and move to a safe position. The suspects fled and Officers Robert Egan and Jamison Hart responded to the scene and began searching for the suspect. Officer Egan's canine alerted to a suspect hidden in hedgerow. The hidden suspect began firing at Officers Egan and Hart who returned fire. Officers Gardizi, Egan, and Hart were confronted with an armed suspect who engaged in deadly force against uniformed police officers. The involved officers are receiving Gold Medals for their response.





Infant in Respiratory Distress



Officer Charles Gardiner

Life Saving Award Recipient

November 19, 2021

Officer Gardiner was on a routine patrol when he was flagged down to assist with a baby in respiratory distress. Officer Gardiner requested assistance and observed the 10-month-old infant had stopped breathing. Having knowledge of another incident in the community, Officer Gardiner instructed the child's father into Gardiner's cruiser and began transport to the hospital. While driving, Officer Gardiner provided CPR instructions until the cruiser arrived at the hospital. Medical staff were waiting to take over care. The baby ultimately survived what had been the result of an accidental fall.



Lifetime Commitment



Sergeant Charlette Mitchell

Posthumous Lifetime Commitment Award

During Sergeant Charlette Mitchell's exemplary 30+ year career with the Alexandria Police Department, she consistently focused on bettering the community. In addition to her various roles within the Police Department, she founded the Angels Camp, a mentoring program for young girls. As Aide to the Chief of Police under four Department heads, she served as APD's lead for The Chamber ALX's Valor Awards. Her support was instrumental in honoring her fellow officers. The Chamber ALX is humbled by her commitment to the department and Alexandria.

Monroe Bridge Jumper Rescue



Firefighter/EMT Mark Cox
Firefighter Xavier Velez
Captain Jeffrey Taylor
Captain Joshua Turner
Firefighter/EMT Darren Hayes
Firefighter/EMT Antoine Johnson
Battalion Chief Gregory Cook
Lieutenant Erin Mustian
Lieutenant Justin Bullis
Firefighter/EMT Thomas Robinson III
Firefighter/EMT Ben Garcia
Firefighter/Paramedic Douglas Wiltsie
Firefighter/EMT Joseph White
Firefighter/EMT Antonio Tizol
Lieutenant Henry Cook
Firefighter/EMT Brett Shamleffer
Firefighter/Paramedic Keith Tapscott
Firefighter/EMT Shavarez Washington
Firefighter/EMT Michael Chandler
Firefighter/EMT Cody Hepner
Paramedic Caitlin Neill
Firefighter/EMT Travis Post

Life Saving Award Recipients

June 22, 2021

The Alexandria Fire Department responded to reports of a female attempting to jump off the Monroe Avenue Bridge. First responders arrived and observed she was struggling on the opposite side of a 4-foot barrier, pedestrian walkway, and secondary 9-foot security fence. She was previously perched 60-feet over the railway tracks. Command requested an inflatable air cushion and shut down vehicle and railway traffic in both directions. Alexandria Police worked to talk the woman down from the ledge.





During this communication, both departments developed a rescue plan where the Fire Department would traverse the perimeter fence. Departments would position the cushion below the ledge and prepare a ladder truck.

Command shared that the female had no desire to voluntarily retreat. Heavy downpour began, which raised concerns of an unintentional slip. After 45 minutes of negotiation, the rescue plan was enacted. Fire personnel traversed the security fence and approached the female. After attempting to evade, she was secured into the ladder truck and transported for mental evaluation.

Firefighter Cox knowingly placed himself at risk of death traversing the 9ft security fence. After lowering her into the bucket, he continued to render aid until patient care could be turned over.

Firefighter Velez and Captain Taylor were assigned positions to assist securing the jumper to the security fence from the pedestrian pathway side of the bridge. Both temporarily secured her while Firefighter Cox accessed her. They did so at great personal risk.

The remaining team served with Incident Command, Technical Rescue, Tower Ladder, Train Recon, Inflatable Air Cushion, and Patient EMS Care. All served integral roles in the successful rescue and implementation of this coordinated plan.





Shots Fired at Barricaded Residence

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EMS Lieutenant Jeffery Prodoehl
Captain Jeffrey Taylor
EMS Captain Jeffrey Woolsey
EMS Captain Raymond C. Whatley Jr.
EMS Lieutenant David Fox
Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Fredericks

Certificate of Valor Recipients

November 23-24, 2021

Alexandria Fire Department personnel were called to assist the Special Operations Team on a difficult incident in Alexandria. Due to their specialized training, tactical paramedics are often placed with police officers to render emergency medical care in hostile environments.

Tactical paramedics arrived on scene in armored and unarmored vehicles. Once paramedics had arrived, the subject who had barricaded himself in a residence emerged and fired at the vehicles. While tactical paramedics receive ballistic training and equipment, they are unarmed.





The gunshots struck the armored vehicle with two of the paramedics inside. While paramedics are trained, it is not often they are fired upon. These Alexandria Fire Department members are to receive Certificates of Valor for performing acts of service in a situation of personal risk.



Struck Pedestrian

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Firefighter/EMT Cody Acker
Firefighter/EMT Michael Ambrose
(retired)
Firefighter/Paramedic Fiera Givens
EMS Lieutenant Elizabeth Honaker
Firefighter/Paramedic Alexander Lee

Life Saving Award Recipient

January 5, 2021

Alexandria Fire Department responded to a vehicle collision, where a male patient was stuck between two vehicles. Responders began administering medical aid, made difficult by the driver of one vehicle standing over the injured patient. Responders physically removed the driver and began to control spine movement and place tourniquets. Once bleeding was controlled, a collar was placed around the patient, and they were placed on a stretcher. The medic unit provided additional aid and began transport to the hospital. Care was transferred to a doctor waiting on site. Responding personnel remained calm throughout the chaos, administered aid, and began transport within 10 minutes. This is especially significant since





two members of the team were rookies and interns. The patient survived and maintains correspondence with the responding crew. The hospital doctor, surgeon, and Trauma Chief commended the in-field tourniquets. Quality care starts in the field, and this exemplifies that.



COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach



Old Town Business Association Community Valor Award



Old Town Business (OTB) is the common voice for all businesses east of Alexandria's Union Station to the Potomac River. They provide activation, advocacy, and networking to their members and promote Old Town Alexandria as a progressive business organization. Helmed by a Managing Director and six board members, they are a powerful force for the business community.

In March of 2021, OTB leaders gathered together to get the port city's restaurant and retail workers vaccinated. In collaboration with local restaurant groups and Van Dorn Pharmacy they opened a pop-up vaccination clinic on March 28th. Shots were administered to employees of OTB members and then any person connected to any of the neighborhood business associations.

Across their four events, they administered 1,600+ vaccinations to the business community.



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